



The United States Training and Doctrine Command Band
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651

Second Lieutenant Sharon L. Toulouse

Executive Officer and Associate Conductor

Although native of Corpus Christi, Texas, Second Lieutenant Sharon Toulouse considers Kansas her home. In 1992, Lieutenant Toulouse attended the University of Kansas where she received her Bachelor of Music Education degree with a minor in trumpet performance. On completion of her bachelor's degree, Lieutenant Toulouse remained in Lawrence, Kansas, where she assumed duties as assistant director of bands at Lawrence Free State High School. After five years of teaching, she began her pursuit of a Master of Music Degree in Instrumental Wind Conducting at the University of Kansas, under the direction of Dr. John P. Lynch.

Lieutenant Toulouse began her military career in 2002 as a trumpet player with the 312th Army Reserve Band in Lawrence, Kansas. Inspired by her participation in, and enjoyment of the 312th Army Reserve Band, Lieutenant Toulouse auditioned for and was offered a conducting position with the U.S. Army bands in April of 2005. On completion of her Master's Degree in May 2005, she began officer training in September at Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Following this training, Lieutenant Toulouse attended the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; the Adjutant General Basic Officer Leadership Course III at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and lastly, the Army Band Officer Basic Course at the U.S. Army School of Music at Little Creek, Virginia.

Lieutenant Toulouse's first assignment as a U.S. Army Band Officer is with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Band at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where she serves as Executive Officer and Associate Conductor.